

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Draft Environmental Document Analysis for Chem Waste, Kettleman Hills Facility available to the Public

This is a Community Update from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) about our permitting of the Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility (Facility). They have a hazardous waste facility permit which lets them manage hazardous waste at the Facility. The Facility is on 1,600 acres of land in the Kettleman Hills, about 3.5 miles southwest of Kettleman City.

The permit is up for renewal. DTSC had a draft Environmental Document Analysis (EDA) prepared to find out what CEQA document is required. CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act, is a law. It outlines the steps required to figure out if Facility operations will cause harm to the environment and how to lessen any potential damage. Many CEQA documents were analyzed by the draft EDA.

Starting today, May 10, 2019 anyone can read, ask questions about or make a comment on the draft EDA. DTSC staff can meet or talk about the EDA with anyone interested. You can find the EDA online and at the libraries listed below. Please send any comments or questions to Manuel Lopez by June 28, 2019.

If you want to make a comment after the due date, reach out to the contacts listed below. The comments we get will inform the conclusion of the EDA, around Fall 2019. After that we will decide what CEQA document is required and move to the next step in our review of the permit renewal application.

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Draft EDA Locations

DTSC website: www.dtsc.ca.gov

DTSC Cal-Center Office
8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826

EnviroStor Database: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov

Libraries: Kettleman City, Avenal, and Hanford

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